



Pipeline Safety Fact Sheet: New Mexico

The federal government establishes minimum pipeline safety standards (under Title 49 CFR Part 190 – 199) and has overall regulatory responsibility for all hazardous liquid and gas pipelines in the United States. Pipelines are regulated by the Office of Pipeline Safety, within the Research and Special Programs Administration of the Department of Transportation. Pertinent regulations can be found at <http://ops.dot.gov/>.

The Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) is headquartered in Washington, DC, and supported through five regional offices located in Atlanta, Denver, Houston, Kansas City and Washington, DC. OPS Regional Directors, Pipeline Inspectors, State Liaisons, and Community Assistance and Technical Services (CATS) managers operate from each of the five OPS regional offices.

CATS managers are available to assist the public, the media and state or local officials with inquiries concerning pipeline safety-related issues.

OPS inspects, regulates and enforces interstate gas and liquid pipeline safety requirements in New Mexico.

Through certification by OPS, the state of New Mexico regulates, inspects, and enforces intrastate gas and liquid pipeline safety requirements. This work is performed by the Pipeline Safety Bureau in the Transportation Division of the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission.

New Mexico state regulations can be found at:

<http://www.nmcpr.state.nm.us/nmac/parts/title18/18.060.0002.htm>

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